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SUBJECT: JAPAN-MICRONESIA ASSOCIATION

REF: A. TOKYO 11547; B. STATE 191147

1. FONOFF (FIRST NA AFFAIRS DIV NUMATA) INFORMED US THAT SPONSORS OF JAPAN-MICRONESIA ASSOCIATION, FOLLOWING MEETING REPORTED REF A, DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF FOUNDING ASSOCIATION AS VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATION WITH PROSPECTIVE MEMBERSHIP. SPONSORS CALLED AT FONOFF OCT 3 TO INFORM FIRST NA DIV THAT SOME MEMBERS RAISED POINT THAT EVEN IF ASSOCIATION WERE STARTED NOW AS VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATION, STATUS AND FUNCTIONING OF ORGANIZATION WOULD BE IMPAIRED. THEY CONTENDED THAT IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO WAIT UNTIL PICTURE WAS CLEARER ON FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS OF TTPI BEFORE PROCEEDING. FOR MOMENT, NUMATA SAID, THIS CAUTIOUS ATTITUDE IS PREVAILING AND SPONSORS HAVE POSTPONED ANNOUNCEMENT OF FOUNDING ASSOCIATION. NUMATA WARNED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS WAS NOT DEFINITIVE AND DECISION COULD SHIFT EITHER WAY.

2. WE DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF FONOFF'S TRYING TO
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ENCOURAGE SPONSORS TO BROADEN SPONSORSHIP AS SUGGESTED

REF B PARA 3. IN NUMATA'S JUDGEENT SUCH A PROPOSAL NOW
WOULD APPEAR STRANGE TO SPONSORS WHO WOULD BE IN-
CLINED TO ASK WHY, IF FONOFF SUPPORTS BROADENING SPONSORSHIP,
DOES IT NOT ENDORSE ORGANIZATION? HE BELIEVES IT WILL BE
WISEST TO HOPE AT LEAST FOR MOMENT THAT MORE PRUDENT
SPONSORS' VIEW SUCCEEDS IN DELAYING FOUNDING OF ASSOCIATION
RATHER THAN STIR UP ADDITIONAL MOMENTUM. WE AGREE.

3. NUMATA REITERATED THAT FONOFF SHARES OUR VIEW ON
DESIRABILITY OF STALLING FOUNDING OF ASSOCIATION. HE
PROMISED NOT TO ASSIST SPONSORS IN ANY WAY IN MOVING AHEAD
OR TO OFFICIALLY ENDORSE ORGANIZATION UNDER PRESENT
CIRCUMSTANCES. SHOULD FONOFF CHANGE STANCE WE ARE SURE
THEY WOULD CHECK WITH US FIRST.
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